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### PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE SAFETY GRANT

**\*\*\*UPDATE – MAY 24, 2012\*\*\***

From Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Tucson Police Department conducted enforcement details in and around various high traffic areas for pedestrians and bicycles. These additional traffic details were staffed through funding that was provided from a Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The deployment locations varied. However, particular attention was directed towards the signalized crossings that are seen throughout the city limits of Tucson. In addition to the increased enforcement, officers distributed safety pamphlets provided by the City of Tucson Department of Transportation. The pamphlet provided tips for pedestrians and motorists, as well as explanations of the various types of signalized crossings utilized by the City of Tucson.

The enforcement details utilized a total of 16 officers and contacted approximately 393 drivers, riders, or pedestrians. During this time period, a total of 348 people were issued citations, 9 vehicles were impounded, and one criminal arrest was made.

Our goal is to reduce the number of collisions that involve pedestrians and bicycles as well as to lower the injuries and deaths associated with these types of collisions. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to obey the traffic control devices that provide for our community's safety.

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The Tucson Police Department was awarded a Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The funding provided through this grant will allow for additional traffic enforcement details in and around the high volume areas for pedestrians and bicycles. The first series of additional enforcement will begin on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and will continue through Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The deployment locations will vary, however particular attention will be directed towards the signalized crossings within the city limits of Tucson.

The primary goal of this additional enforcement is to reduce the number of collisions that involve pedestrians and bicycles as well as to lower the injuries and deaths associated with these types of collisions. In addition to the increased

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